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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH AMENDMENT

Specification

The original specification is hereby withdrawn and a complete Substitute Specification is submitted herewith. As required, the Substitute Specification contains lines doubled spaced on good quality paper. The Substitute Specification also contains a New Title, Substitute Drawings, New Claims and a revised Summary, Description and Abstract in conformity with the New Claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

The New Claims now clearly recite an invention within the scope of 35 USC § 101. What is claimed is an apparatus, method and computer executable program for standardizing and automating the assignment, valuation, pricing and purchasing of legal research projects. Proof of the tangible existence of this invention as an advancement of the technological arts (rather than a mere abstract idea), also exists at the Internet website www.CiteTheLaw.com, where the claimed apparatus has been in use by Applicant and hundreds of lawyers since 2002 under a "patent pending" designation. CiteTheLaw.com is a website and company owned by Applicant that provides legal research using the invention, under a license from the Applicant, to standardize and automate the assignment, valuation, pricing and purchasing of legal research projects. Applicant hereby certifies the commercial success of this invention over a period of two years, during which hundreds of legal research projects were placed using the invention. The CiteTheLaw.com internet website contains a list of more than 100 law firms and legal departments in 25 different states that have placed legal research orders using the invention. That list is incorporated here by reference, as are all pages of the website, which demonstrate the tangible commercial success of the invention.